

GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT ENGINEERS AND PROJECT OFFICERS

SUBJECT: Construction and Renovation Limitation of the  
Public Buildings Act of 1959

1. Section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959 generally limits the amount of money which may be spent for renovation and construction of public buildings without prior approval by the Committee on Public Works of the Senate and House of Representatives (Tab B, opposite). This limitation is:

Construction or Acquisition	\$100,000
Alteration	200,000

2. Funds appropriated to this Agency are made available without regard to the above limitation. This authority is contained in Section 8 of the CIA Act of 1949.

3. The General Services Administration requires that the Agency cite this authority before it can exceed the above limitations. (See subpart 101-17.3, subchapter D, of the Federal Property Management Regulations.)

4. Opposite (Tab A) is a sample of a Certificate which may be used for this purpose.

5. The following points should be considered relative to this subject:

a. A "Certificate" is required only by GSA, for domestic projects, in accordance with the Federal Property Management Regulations.

b. A "Certificate" may be signed by the C/RECD. (It should not be confused with a "Certificate of Necessity" which waives the Economy Act of 1932 and must be signed by the DCI.)

c. Appropriate project and funding approvals must be obtained before a "Certificate" is prepared.